



JOPLIN, MISSOURI

September 28, 1942

Mr. George R. Brown
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Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed please find copy of telegram that I sent Mr. George Butler to Washington last Thursday night and a copy of a letter that I am mailing him today.

I had a conference this morning with Otto Ruhl, Engineer for the Bureau of Mines. I found that he had an idea similar to his chief, McMillan. They both thought that the operator was going to make a lot of money out of this operation with the government taking all the chances. I thought they understood that the money the government advanced was to be repaid out of concentrate sales, if, as and when they were produced and sold from these properties and not otherwise. Apparently I was wrong for they thought we were asking for a straight grant which the government never would get back. When I explained it to him, as I am trying to explain it in this letter to Mr. Butler, Mr. Ruhl said "Oh! that is called a loan, never a Grant" and his attitude changed completely and he said he would cooperate with us.

Mr. Ruhl is going to work here with Bill Stewart and get out his report to the W. P. B. simultaneously. He also told me that he was going to use Bill's reserves and that I could sit in on the preparation of the report which suits me down to the ground. In that way I feel that I can personally see that we get a fair break.

One reason that I would like to hear from Mr. Butler as soon as possible is that I have, as you know, to make certain expenditures in preparation of this report and in the assembling of these leases. I am trying to keep these charges to a minimum but they naturally amount to something. If we can secure a "go ahead" signal from Mr. Butler, I want to rush things along and make certain commitments.

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I am carrying on at least four operations simultaneously here, that is, having the leases signed, getting up abstract data, gathering data in the field on drill holes, mining operations, data on water, pumping, costs, etc as well as the preparation of the General Report on the area being prepared in Bill Stewart's office. Should Mr. Butler indicate that the government is not interested in going ahead, I want to stop these things immediately, pay up the accounts and go back to Houston.

In connection with the above, I cannot believe after talking to Bureau of Mines men here, the War Production Board representatives, bankers and others that the W. P. B. would be other than favorable to an undertaking of this sort if the proposition is properly presented to them in Washington. Now if you think I can help Mr. Butler at this time to present our proposition in Washington and expedite things, I am willing to go up there though I prefer staying here until the report is completed before I appear in the capacity of an engineer. I am willing to leave this, however, to your judgment. I believe that I am working here under auspicious circumstances as I have been successful in getting the co-operation of all concerned.

Very sincerely yours

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